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HFD Heads-up workshop for pre-school teachers

In a large collaboration of local health and safety agencies, the Houston Fire Department is serving as the lead in providing local pre-school teachers health and safety curriculum and training for them to pass on to their little students and their families. The workshop will be held Friday, October 14, 2005 at the United Way Building at 50 Waugh Drive with the opening remarks at 8:00 am. Currently 300 preschool teachers and staff are expected to attend.

"These teachers are heroes," said Fire Chief Phil Boriskie. "They will be saving lives throughout the school year by teaching health and safety prevention and proper health."

Youth under age five are at the highest risk for most unintentional injuries and deaths. They are also starting their lifetime health habits. Topics range from fire safety to SIDS prevention to vision health and much more.

"We hope this will result in fewer emergency calls of all natures," Boriskie said.

Partnering agencies include: AVANCE, ChildBuilders, City of Houston Department of Health, Galena Park ISD Head Start, Gulf Coast Community Services Head Start, Harris County / Houston Child Fatality Review Team, Harris Co. Hospital District, Harris Co. Department of Education Head Start, Houston Police Department, Humble ISD Head Start, Neighborhood Centers Inc., Prevent Blindness, Spring Branch Family Development Ctr., Texas Children's Health Plan, Texas Children's Center for Childhood Injury Prevention, University of Houston College of Optometry